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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Hung X Dang

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

Information Disclosure Statement

1. If applicant is aware of any relevant prior art, he/she requested to cite it on form **PTO-1449** in accordance with the guidelines set forth in M.P.E.P. 609.

Claims Rejection Under 35 USC - 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wargon (5,949,514).

Wargon discloses adhesive eyeglasses which comprises lens 24 having a perimeter that defines a cutout 22 along a nose portion thereof, and a frame 14 having an adhesive side 28 comprising a first portion and a second portion, wherein said first portion runs along the perimeter nose portion of said lens. However, the adhesive side is formed a seal between the frame and the user's face, but not both a seal between the frame and the user's face and a seal between the frame and the lens as claimed.

Although Wargon device does not teach the position of the lens on the same side of the adhesive side as that claimed by applicant, the position of the lens on either side of the frame are considered obvious choices and are not patentable unless unexpected results

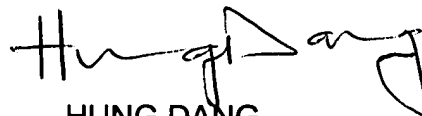
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are obtained from these changes. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in this art to modify the Wargon's device of affixing the lens to the frame on the same side of the adhesive side as the applicant's. Such a modification of the position of the lens would not change the scope of the invention in the Wargon reference.

Regarding claims 4 and 5, the limitations in claims 4 and 5 are similar to claim 1 but the frame comprising a compliant and resiliently deformable material suitable to conform to a user's face. Wargon suggest in column 2, lines 48-51 that the frame may be made of flexible material so that the frame is capable of readily conforming to the different facial structure of different individuals. Therefore it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to modify the frame as suggested by Wargon reference for the same purpose as disclosed by Wargon as the same as the applicant does.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Dang at telephone number (571) 272-2326.

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